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1 AN ACT Relating to a pilot program to increase family participation
2 in juvenile offender programs; adding a new section to chapter 13.40
3 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The state has invested significantly in
6 juvenile offender programs identified by the Washington state institute
7 for public policy as having a positive cost-benefit ratio for taxpayers
8 as the result of reductions in recidivism. Some of these programs
9 demonstrate increased rates of success for juvenile offenders when his
10 or her family appropriately participates in the needed programming.
11 Parents may be more likely to participate if participation does not
12 result in a financial burden. Therefore, it is the intent of the
13 legislature to increase incentives for appropriate and successful
14 participation in evidence-based juvenile offender programs in order to
15 further reduce juvenile offender recidivism, reduce crime, and increase
16 fiscal benefits to the state.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 13.40 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 (1) To the extent that funds are specifically appropriated for this
2 purpose, the department of social and health services juvenile
3 rehabilitation services administration shall establish a pilot program
4 to promote increased participation and success in juvenile offender
5 evidence-based programming for juveniles under the jurisdiction of a
6 county or the department, and their families.

7 (2) The pilot program shall provide that a parent or other persons
8 legally obligated to care for and support the child shall receive a
9 monetary incentive if the person consents to and successfully completes
10 or makes a good faith effort to complete participation in a program
11 recommended by the department as appropriate for the child and the
12 person. The incentive may include, but is not limited to,
13 reimbursements for the cost of travel and participation in the program
14 and other incentives as determined by the department in consultation
15 with the University of Washington school of medicine's department of
16 psychiatry and behavioral sciences division of public behavioral health
17 and justice.

18 (3) The pilot sites shall include any county that has imposed the
19 sales and use tax authorized by RCW 82.14.460. The participating
20 juvenile offenders may include juvenile offenders residing in a county
21 that has a pilot site, who is under the jurisdiction of either the
22 county or state, and whose parent or other persons legally obligated to
23 care for and support the child have demonstrated that participation in
24 programming recommended by the department may be a financial burden.

25 (4) The program must be a program listed in subsection (6) of this
26 section which is reasonably available to the child and parent or other
27 persons legally obligated to care for and support the child.

28 (5) The department shall establish guidelines to determine whether
29 a parent or other persons legally obligated to care for and support the
30 child has demonstrated financial need for participation in the program
31 and establish policies to consistently determine what constitutes
32 successful completion of a program or a good faith effort to complete
33 a program. The department shall consult with the University of
34 Washington school of medicine's department of psychiatry and behavioral
35 sciences division of public behavioral health and justice in
36 development of the guidelines and policies.

37 (6) The pilot program shall include the following programs
38 identified by the Washington state institute for public policy in its

1 October 2006 report: "Evidence-Based Public Policy Options to Reduce
2 Future Prison Construction, Criminal Justice Costs and Crime Rates":
3 Functional family therapy, multisystemic therapy, aggression
4 replacement training, multidimensional treatment foster care, family
5 integrated transitions, or other programs with a positive benefit-cost
6 finding in the institute's report.

7 (7) The pilot program shall be operational by December 1, 2008.

8 (8) The department shall contract with the University of Washington
9 to provide support and assistance in all phases of the pilot program,
10 including initiating, implementing, training providers, providing
11 quality assurance, and monitoring implementation.

12 (9) The department, in cooperation with the University of
13 Washington, shall evaluate the results of the pilot program, including
14 whether there is any increase in juvenile or family participation in
15 the programs identified in subsection (3) of this section, any increase
16 in successful completion of services by the juvenile and his or her
17 family or legal guardian or custodian, and any reduction in recidivism
18 for a juvenile participating in the pilot program. The department and
19 the University of Washington shall provide a preliminary report to the
20 governor and the legislature on the results of the pilot program by
21 December 1, 2010, and a final report by December 1, 2012.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires June 30, 2013.

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